

April 20, 2004

Bruce Duke, Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Saluda Building
101 Executive Center Dr.
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Generic TRO Arbitration
Docket No. 2004-0049-C

Dear Mr. Duke:

Verizon South Inc. (Verizon) submits this letter to propose a schedule in the above-referenced arbitration. The proposed schedule is set forth below:

Due Date	Submission
2/20/2004	Verizon's Arbitration Petition
3/19/2004	Verizon's Amended Arbitration Petition
4/13/2004	CLEC Responses to Verizon's Arbitration Petition
4/27/2004	Verizon's Proposed List of Disputed Issues
5/4/2004	CLEC Responses to Verizon's Proposed List of Disputed Issues
5/14/2004	Commission Order Establishing Disputed Issues
6/14/2004	Simultaneous Opening Briefs Filed By All Parties
6/28/2004	Simultaneous Reply Briefs
7/13/2004	Final Commission Order

The foregoing schedule is simple and straightforward, and will allow the Commission to issue a final order reasonably near the July 2 due date established in the *TRO*. The schedule does not call for written testimony or hearings because the non-pricing issues to be decided are legal issues. Although Verizon's TRO Amendment includes proposed prices for items required by the TRO, Verizon proposes to litigate those rates in a slightly later phase of this proceeding. In the interim, Verizon proposes to charge the prices set forth in Exhibit A to its TRO Amendment. Verizon would agree to a true-up if the Commission, after it concludes the price-setting phase, determines that a true-up is appropriate. This approach will ensure that the terms and conditions phase of the proceeding is completed in a timely fashion, and the pricing phase is completed in due course and does not result in financial harm to either Verizon or the CLECs.

Please contact me at the above-referenced number if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Counsel of Record